

SENATE RESOLUTION

8748

By Senators Finkbeiner, Esser, Hale, Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Carlson, Deccio, Doumit, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Haugen, Hewitt, Honeyford, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kastama, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Mulliken, Murray, Oke, Parlette, Pflug, Poulsen, Prentice, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Schmidt, B. Sheldon, T. Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Stevens, Swecker, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli

WHEREAS, Larry Sheahan has shown a strong dedication to representing Eastern Washington and has exemplified the qualities of being an elected official; and

WHEREAS, Larry is a true native Washingtonian, being born in Spokane on December 3, 1959, and raised in Rosalia, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Larry graduated class valedictorian in 1978 among peers, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Being a true Cougar, Larry enrolled in Washington State University to earn a bachelor of arts degree in political science and was the recipient of the 1982 Outstanding Senior Award; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that Larry never missed a Cougar football or basketball game while at college; and

WHEREAS, Larry continued with his education and received his law degree from the Willamette University College of Law and then quickly returned to Washington; and

WHEREAS, Larry's illustrious political career began as a wide-eyed and idealistic Senate intern for former Senator Linda Smith; and

WHEREAS, Larry then came to Olympia as a legislative assistant to 9th Legislative District Senator Pat Patterson, where he served as a trusted and loyal confidant for three sessions; and

WHEREAS, Larry ran for office in 1992 and has since represented the citizens of the 9th Legislative District in the House of Representatives and the Washington State Senate for the past 12 years with distinction, honor, and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, Since coming to the Legislature, Larry has dedicated himself to improving schools, increasing access to health care, and strengthening the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Larry's role as Senate Republican Floor Leader, with both his calming demeanor and sharp legal mind, has helped move legislation on the floor of the Senate for several years; and

WHEREAS, Larry is known among his fellow colleagues as a dedicated and hardworking public servant; and

WHEREAS, After much thought and contemplation, Larry has chosen to take his experience, his knowledge, and his passion for serving the people of Eastern Washington to our nation's assembly in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Larry will continue to have the support and encouragement of his lovely wife, Lura, and daughters Anna and Stephan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Washington, that Senator Larry Sheahan be congratulated and honored for his prominent achievements and outstanding contributions to the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to Senator Larry Sheahan, his wife, Lura, his daughters, Anna Lawson and Stephan Adams, and his parents, Don and Wanda Sheahan.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8748,
adopted by the Senate
March 11, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate